

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL REGISTER

DEC 21 2004

Docket No. 006357/00008

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**APPLICANT:** Cheng et al. **EXAMINER:** Menon, K.  
**SERIAL NO.:** 09/890,290 **GROUP:** 1723  
**FILED:** 27 July 2001 **CONF. NO.:** 8923  
**FOR:** Perfluorinated Thermoplastic Filter Cartridge

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450  
**FILED VIA FACSIMILE TO: (703) 872-9306 (17 Total Pages)**

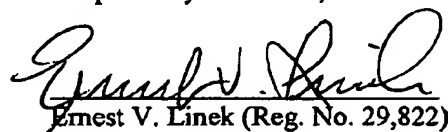
Sir:

**FINAL REJECTION RESPONSE AND NOTICE OF APPEAL**

In response to the Final Rejection mailed 25 August 2004, please amend the above-identified application as described herein.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect, at the number shown.

Respectfully submitted,



Ernest V. Linek (Reg. No. 29,822)

Attorney for Applicant

BANNER &amp; WITCOFF, LTD.

28 State Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor

Boston, MA 02109-1775

Tel: (617) 720-9600

Fax: (617) 720-9601

E-Mail: ELinek@bannerwitcoff.com

Date: December 21, 2004